

LAKE PLEASANT REGIONAL PARK MONTHLY PROGRAMS

PARK HOURS:

Open 24 hours - 365 days a year

NATURE CENTER HOURS:

Monday - Sunday: 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

NOTE: The Nature Center will be closed for renovations beginning February 2, 2015. Project is anticipated to last until Fall 2015.

ADMIN. OFFICE HOURS:

Monday – Friday: 8 a.m. – 4 p.m.

PARK FEES:

Day-use vehicle entry fee: \$6
Per motorized watercraft: \$4
Per non-motorized watercraft: \$2
Developed campsites: \$30 per night
Semi-developed campsites: \$20 per night
Shoreline camping: \$12 per night

ONLINE RESERVATIONS:

<http://www.maricopacountyparks.org/>

WEBSITE:

http://www.maricopa.gov/parks/lake_pleasant/

DIRECTIONS:

From central Phoenix, take I-17 north to Carefree Highway (SR 74). Exit Carefree Hwy. and travel west 15 miles to Castle Hot Spring Road at mile post 19. Travel north to Lake Pleasant Regional Park entrance.



Maricopa County

Parks and Recreation Dept.
Lake Pleasant Regional Park
41835 N. Castle Hot Springs Rd.
Morristown, AZ 85342
Entry Station: 1 (928) 501-1710
Fax: (602) 372-7465



FEBRUARY FEATURED PROGRAMS

Hummingbirds of Arizona Live!

Date: 2/7/2015 **Time:** 2 p.m.

Description: Learn about these fast flyers from the volunteers at Adobe Mountain Wildlife Center, from 2 to 4 p.m. They will have several live hummers on display and answer all your hummingbird questions. Follow in-park program signs to the program location, this program may be moved from the visitor center if under construction.

Core: Animals

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Pleasant Paddlers Program - Valentine Paddle and Hike with a View – Four Lane Area

Date: 2/14/2015 **Time:** 9 a.m.

Description: If you have a paddle craft, come join us as we explore a fun cove and hike up to look over the lake. Everyone must wear a life vest. Bring water and a snack. Paddle will be about four miles, the hike about four miles and it will last about four hours. All for your Valentine! We will meet near the four lane boat launch, look for kayaks.

Core: Aquatics

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Looking for Early Wildflowers 10AM Hike – South Pipeline Canyon Trail

Date: 2/21/2015 **Time:** 10 a.m.

Description: Come explore with Naturalist Frank Meyerholtz on this two mile hike. It will take about two hours and stop for a snack about halfway, so

bring some snacks and water. This hike is moderate with a few hills. There are chances of seeing wildlife along the trail, and hopefully some flowers, so bring your binoculars and camera, too. Wear good hiking shoes and hiking sticks help on the rough spots. We will meet at the South Pipeline Canyon Trailhead inside the park. Once inside park, continue straight on North Park Road to the trailhead. This hike starts at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m., meet Frank at the trailhead.

Core: Plants

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Fun with a Bow - Archery 101 9AM and 11AM Class

Date: 2/28/2015 **Time:** 9 a.m.

Description: Sign Up Today! Learn to shoot recurve and compound bows. This 1.5 hour class is the first step in learning archery. Wear comfortable clothes, closed toe shoes and bring some cold water. All equipment is provided. Call (602) 372-7470 ext. 211, and leave name, phone number, 9 a.m. or 11 a.m. class attending, and how many people wish to attend. Follow the "Archery 101" signs from the main contact station to the class.

Core: Outdoor Skills

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MONTHLY PROGRAMS

Shoreline Exploring on the Roadrunner Trail – 10 Lane East Parking Area

Date: 2/5/2015 **Time:** 9 a.m.

Description: Come join the ranger as we explore this scenic trail and shoreline. This is a moderate hike of two miles and we will be out for about an hour. Hike starts near the restrooms of the east parking lot of the 10-lane launch area, just follow the "hike" signs from the main gate.

Core: Health & Fitness

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"Scenic Lookout" Hike to Yavapai Point - Cottonwood Day Use Area

Date: 2/6/2015 **Time:** 9 a.m.

Description: We will be hiking on one of the most scenic trails in the whole park! From this trail we will see the entire lake and fantastic views of the park. This is a moderate trail with a few steep places. Please be in somewhat of good hiking shape for attending this hike. We will meet at the Cottonwood Day Use Area / North Pipeline Canyon Trailhead. We will be hiking the Yavapai Point Trail which is a moderate three mile round trip. Wear good hiking shoes, bring water, a snack, and sun protection. The ranger will see you at the trailhead for a scenic adventure!

Core: Health & Fitness

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A Hike on the New Beardsley Trail - 10 Lane East Parking Area

Date: 2/6/2015 **Time:** 1 p.m.

Description: Let's go hiking on this new trail! You will see all sorts of views from this trail and the hiking is a moderate four miles. Meet the ranger at the 10-lane east parking area, look for the "Hike" signs once inside the park. Don't forget your water, sun protection and a small snack.

Core: Health & Fitness

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Hiking the Scenic Pipeline Canyon Trail – South Pipeline Canyon Trailhead

Date: 2/7/2015 **Time:** 9 a.m.

Description: Join us for a scenic hike on this fun trail. We will be hiking the Pipeline Canyon Trail and taking a small break at the halfway point. Bring water, sun protection, and a snack. This is a moderate hike of four miles and we will be out for about three hours. There are restrooms and water at the trailhead and turn around point. We will meet at the South Pipeline Canyon Trailhead.

Core: Health & Fitness

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Water History Hike Above the Shoreline – Ten Lane East Parking Lot

Date: 2/12/2015 **Time:** 9 a.m.

Description: Stretch out your legs while learning about the water at Lake Pleasant. This moderate three mile hike is slower and on both trails and roadways. Meet the park ranger in front of the restrooms in the east parking lot of the ten lane boat launch area. Follow the "Hike" signs once inside the park to the start of the hike.

Core: Archaeology & History

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Friday the 13th Don't Worry Be Happy Hike – South Pipeline Canyon Trailhead

Date: 2/13/2015 **Time:** 9 a.m.

Description: Don't worry be happy that it is Friday the 13th! Come hike this fun canyon and maybe even see some early spring flowers. This hike is a moderate 4 miles and we will be out about three hours. Bring water, a snack and your sun protection. Follow the in-park "Hike" signs to the South Pipeline Canyon Trailhead.

Core: Health & Fitness

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A Look at the Operations of Lake Pleasant on the New Beardsley Trail - 10 Lane East Parking Area

Date: 2/13/2015 **Time:** 2 p.m.

Description: Let's go hiking on this new trail and learn about the lake! You will see all sorts of views from this trail and the hiking is a moderate four miles. Meet the ranger at the 10-lane east parking area, look for the "Hike" signs once inside the park. Don't forget your water, sun protection and a small snack.

Core: Archaeology & History

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Looking for Early Wildflowers 10AM Hike – South Pipeline Canyon Trailhead

Date: 2/14/2015 **Time:** 10 a.m.

Description: Come explore with Naturalist Frank Meyerholtz on this two mile hike. It will take about two hours and stop for a snack about halfway, so bring some snacks and water. This hike is moderate with a few hills. There are chances of seeing wildlife along the trail, and hopefully some flowers, so bring your binoculars and camera, too. Wear good hiking shoes and hiking sticks help on the rough spots. We will meet at the South Pipeline Canyon Trailhead inside the park.

Once inside park, continue straight on North Park Road to the trailhead. This hike starts at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. meet Frank at the trailhead.

Core: Plants

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Looking for Early Wildflowers 1PM Hike - South Pipeline Canyon Trailhead

Date: 2/14/2015 **Time:** 1 p.m.

Description: Come explore with Naturalist Frank Meyerholtz on this two mile hike. It will take about two hours and stop for a snack about halfway, so bring some snacks and water. This hike is moderate with a few hills. There are chances of seeing wildlife along the trail, and hopefully some flowers, so bring your binoculars and camera, too. Wear good hiking shoes and hiking sticks help on the rough spots. We will meet at the South Pipeline Canyon Trailhead inside the park. Once inside park, continue straight on North Park Road to the trailhead. This hike starts at 10AM and 1PM, meet Frank at the trailhead.

Core: Plants

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Looking for Early Wildflowers 1PM Hike - South Pipeline Canyon Trailhead

Date: 2/21/2015 **Time:** 1 p.m.

Description: Come explore with Naturalist Frank Meyerholtz on this two mile hike. It will take about two hours and stop for a snack about halfway, so bring some snacks and water. This hike is moderate with a few hills. There are chances of seeing wildlife along the trail, and hopefully some flowers, so bring your binoculars and camera, too. Wear good hiking shoes and hiking sticks help on the rough spots. We will meet at the South Pipeline Canyon Trailhead inside the park. Once inside park, continue straight on North Park Road to the trailhead. This hike starts at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m., meet Frank at the trailhead.

Core: Plants

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"Scenic Lookout" Hike to Yavapai Point

Date: 2/26/2015 **Time:** 9 a.m.

Description: This is a great trail for both exercise and for a scenic view of the lake. From this trail we will see most of the lake and be going up a fairly good hill to see it. We will meet at the Cottonwood Day Use Area / North Pipeline Canyon Trailhead. We will be hiking the Yavapai Point Trail which is a moderate, one long hill, three mile round trip. Wear good

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hiking shoes, bring water and a snack. The ranger will see you at the trailhead for a very scenic hike!

Core: Health & Fitness

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In Search of Early Wildflowers – South Pipeline Canyon Trail

Date: 2/27/2015 **Time:** 9 a.m.

Description: Let's go look to see how many of the early spring flowers have come out. We will hike the entire Pipeline Canyon Trail in search of blooming plants and flowers. We will take a short snack break in the shaded areas at the turn around point. Wear good shoes, bring water and a snack. This wildflower hike starts at the South Pipeline Canyon Trailhead, look for the "Hike" signs.

Core: Plants

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Ranger Guided Lake Knowledge Short Walk - 10 Lane East

Parking Area

Date: 2/27/2015 **Time:** 2 p.m.

Description: Come join the ranger as we walk on this short walk and talk about the lake. This is a fairly easy hike of about 1/2 a mile. Hike starts near the restrooms of the east parking lot of the 10-lane launch area, just follow the "hike" signs from the main gate. This trail offers some good views of the lake.

Core: Archaeology & History

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Looking for Early Wildflowers Hike - North Pipeline Canyon Trailhead, Cottonwood Day Use Area

Date: 2/28/2015 **Time:** 10 a.m.

Description: Come explore with Naturalist Frank Meyerholtz on this 2 mile hike. It will take about 2 hours and stop

for a snack about halfway, so bring some snacks and water. This hike is moderate with a few hills. There are chances of seeing wildlife along the trail, and hopefully some flowers, so bring your binoculars and camera, too. Wear good hiking shoes and hiking sticks help on the rough spots. We will meet at the North Pipeline Canyon Trailhead, in the Cottonwood Day Use Area, north entrance to Lake Pleasant Regional Park.

Core: Plants

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Looking for Early Wildflowers Hike – North Pipeline Canyon Trailhead, Cottonwood Day Use Area

Date: 2/28/2015 **Time:** 1 p.m.

Description: Come explore with Naturalist Frank Meyerholtz on the Cottonwood Trail two mile hike. It will take about two hours and stop for a snack about halfway, so bring some snacks and water. This hike is fairly easy. There are chances of seeing wildlife along the trail, and hopefully some flowers, so bring your binoculars and camera, too. Wear good hiking shoes and hiking sticks help on the rough spots. We will meet at the North Pipeline Canyon Trailhead, in the Cottonwood Day Use Area, north entrance to Lake Pleasant Regional Park. This hike will be on the Cottonwood Trail.

Core: Plants

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STAFF:

Park Supervisor: David Jordan

Interpretive Ranger: Terry Gerber

Admin. Staff: Chris Simpson, David Chatfield, Cheryl Kidd, Grady Van Popering, Laura Jo Boyd, and Dror Dahan

Park Maintenance: Gerald Miller, Larry

Beil, Jim Apthorp, and Thomas Rychtik

Nav Aid Techs.: Kyle Randall and

Charlie Sizer

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MESSAGE FROM THE PARK SUPERVISOR:

Thank you for your continued support and interest in Lake Pleasant Regional Park. We realize that you have a choice when it comes to selecting recreation venues and appreciate your business!

David Jordan

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WHAT TO BRING:

Please wear sturdy shoes (closed-toe), dress appropriately for the weather and bring more water than you think you will need. See descriptions for specifics.

Notes: Fees for guided hikes and programs are included in the park entry fee of \$6 per vehicle or with your annual pass. Reservations are not required unless specified in the program description. Hikes/programs are canceled if heavy inclement weather is imminent. If possible, canceled hikes will be posted on the website –

www.maricopa.gov/parks

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